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Senator Claughton's Speech.

The following synopsis of the speech delivered in the Virginia Senate on Wednesday last by Senator Claughton, of this city, in the Knight Johnson contested election case, is taken from the Richmond Whig:

"Senator Claughton said he would have preferred not speaking on this subject, but the criticisms on the paper presented by him, embracing his views on one point in the case, had been such as to force him reluctantly to speak. He referred eloquently to the past period, when viva voce voting prevailed, and when men fearlessly gave their votes in the light of day, and the cry of fraud was never heard, and compared it with the present period when the secret ballot prevails and the elective franchise has been so much abused and prostituted. He said that in this case the only evidence of fraud was the depositions of voters that had been taken and they did not bring fraud home to the election officers. The contestant had failed. He then proceeded to sustain the position assumed in his paper—that voters are inadmissible as witnesses. He spoke with some warmth of the criticisms that had been passed upon his paper by the distinguished chairman of the committee. He had united with that Senator in his report, and yet that Senator had gone on of his way to criticize his views on one point involved. It would seem that the Senator from Campbell was more interested in sustaining his own reasoning than in the result. He passed from the Senator from Campbell to the Senator from Middlesex, and caused much merriment by applying to one point made by the latter Senator a naturalist's definition of a crab. That Senator had spoken of his arguments as fallacies, but had failed to show wherein the fallacy lay. He referred humorously to 'a love lay' he had received from the Senator from Augusta, who had taken him all through creation and left him on the outskirts of eternity. He claimed that the weight of authority was in favor of his views. All the error that had arisen on this question was traceable to the assumption that the secrecy of the ballot was the personal privilege of each voter. He said that all the decisions on the subject contained this error, except one in South Carolina, from which he read. He argued at much length and with great minuteness to prove that on grounds of public policy voters are prohibited from disclosing how they have voted. He said that the principle was as sacred as the law was sovereign. The Constitution prescribed the ballot as an inherent part of the right. He defined the ballot as a secret, and quoted authorities as to the secrecy. He compared the ideas that he said seemed to be held by some of the speakers as to the nature of the ballot to a humorous description of a crocodile, which he quoted. He urged that the secrecy of the ballot was not alone the secret of one person, but was the secret of all. To disclose how one vote may be to disclose how others vote. Whatever sanctity exists at the time of giving the vote exists perpetually, as when the constitution says it shall be secret when cast, it means that it shall be secret forever. This secrecy can never be waived. He referred to the provisions of the law as to the ballot, requiring that it shall be folded, prohibiting the signing of it, and prohibiting the printing of it on colored paper. Franchise is lost unless these requirements are observed. The eternal inviolability of the ballot was a conclusion that cannot be escaped. The senator striking this point, and illustrated it in a clarion manner. He asked, if the law excludes the depositions of those voters, how dare you admit them? Overstated theories of truth and law. The senators are in this case, judges, and judges should be iconoclasts and shatter all idols. The stuffing of a hundred ballot-boxes would not be so bad as the innumerable mischiefs that would result from disregarding the secrecy of the ballot and opening the flood-gates to universal perjury. In conclusion, he left the question with the Senate, feeling that he had discharged his duty without fear, favor, or affection. If the supremacy of the Conservative party could only be maintained by violating the law and trampling under foot well-established principles, then let that party go down. If there are any who call for such a sacrifice at the hands of the Conservative party, they perhaps wish but an excuse to leave it. The sooner such men leave it the better it will be. The party will be purer without them."

Senator Claughton concluded with some sentences of striking beauty and eloquence, which we should probably mar in attempting to reproduce. However his conclusions may be dissected from, all who heard his speech were constrained to acknowledge the mastery force, aptness, and ingenuity displayed by him. Not only did he evince remarkable legal acquirements, but he showed that culture and familiarity with letters which afford to public speakers such resources of illustration and embellishment. The fascinations of his style and manner accorded well with the elegance of his person.

At the conclusion of the Alexandria Senator's speech, which occupied nearly two hours, as he manifested a disposition to continue the discussion at so late an hour, the bill in relation to the salaries of county judges was again taken up.

Hon. George Peabody.
White Sulphur Springs, Va., Aug. 2, 1869.
Dr. J. S. Pemberton—Dear Sir: I am gratified to inform you that the Globe Flower Cough Syrup has been of great benefit to me. I have been suffering with throat and lung disease for some time, and used many of the most celebrated remedies on the continent, and can conscientiously say that none proved so pleasant and beneficial in my case as your remedy. With my good wishes for your success,
I am yours respectfully,
GEORGE PEABODY.

Globe Flower Cough Syrup cures Colds, Coughs, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Asthma, Whooping Cough, Croup, Pleurisy, Pain and Soreness in the Breast, and will positively cure Consumption. We shall publish in the Gazette Testimonials of great and good men of the nation, whose words cannot be doubted, in regard to the merits of Globe Flower Syrup. We prefer to let them speak.
Globe Flower Syrup for sale by
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AND STILL WE LIVE!

NEW GOODS

COMING IN AND

LOW PRICES

MAKING THEM GO AGAIN.

MORE COTTONS! MORE COTTONS!

LADIES' HOSE.

GENTS' HALF HOSE.

BLACK FRENCH MOUSLINS AND CACHMIRE.

BLACK MOHAIRS, ALPACAS.

SILKS, and everything else to make our stock complete.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY CHEAP.

H.C. SLAYMAKER CO.'Y.

(Successors to D. F. Witmer Co.)

Feb 17

A CARD.
Alexandria, Va., Feb. 15th, 1876.
Having this day severed my connection from the late firm of D. F. Witmer Company, and entered into business arrangements with the Wholesale and Retail Dry Goods House of D. F. BRASHEAR, (to take effect on the 1st day of March, 1876), I will be pleased to see my friends and purchasers generally, and fill their orders with great care and promptness.
A. H. MOREHEAD,
Late with D. F. Witmer Co.

BUSINESS NOTICE.—We have secured the services of Mr. A. H. MOREHEAD, and can assure his friends and the public that our stock of FOREIGN and DOMESTIC DRY GOODS, HOSIERY, NOTIONS, &c., will be kept full and complete in all departments, and goods sold at popular prices.
D. F. BRASHEAR,
No. 109 King Street,
Alexandria, Va.,
Feb 16

NOTICE.
THE BALANCE OF GOODS ON HAND belonging to the late firm of Pretzfelder & Bendheim, will be sold at and below cost, at the old stand, No. 144 King Street, till the 25th instant, and all debts due to the late firm are to be paid to me.
D. BENDHEIM.

ON OR ABOUT THE FIRST OF MARCH MAX PRETZFELDER, of the firm of Pretzfelder & Bendheim, will open at the old stand, No. 141 King Street, with an entire new and large stock of DRY GOODS. feb 10

REDUCED ON NEW GOODS.

BLACK CACHMIRE.

BLACK MOHAIRS.

BLACK ALPACAS.

Another large line of these beautiful new styles of Shirts and Mourning Calicoes, also a full line of Tickings and Richardson's Irish Linens—all very cheap.
Feb 3

NEW DRY GOODS FOR FEB. SALES.

Splendid stock of Domestic.

We open to-day the best assortment of Staple Dry Goods we have ever offered to purchasers. Our Domestic Department cannot be surpassed.

A large variety of new style Calicoes, &c.

Another lot of those choice Lancaster and Cocheo Cambrics. All the best brands of Bleached and Brown Cottons and Sheetings, &c., at popular prices.

D. F. BRASHEAR,
No. 109 King Street,
Alexandria, Va.,
Feb 1

TO KEEP STOCK COMPLETE

We have just received a full assortment of

BLACK MOHAIRS.

which will be sold at our

REDUCED PRICES.

jan 21

FRESH GOODS.

I am just opening quite an addition to my stock in new and very pretty Prints, Alpaca and Black French Cashmires, extra size gentlemen's Merino Vests, 42x44 inches, Gents' Silk Scarf and Neck Ties, superior Bed Blankets, Comforts, Bleached and Brown Cottons, &c.
J. M. STEWART,
dec 21

NEW GOODS.

I have just opened from New York another line of superior BLACK & GRAY GRAIN SILKS, very cheap. Some of these are the "Cachmire," finish and very handsome.
ALSO,
Long and Square Black Cashmere Shawls, Black Craple Veils, Black Cashmires, White French Cashmires, and some very handsome Crimson and Green Terys, for furniture covering and curtains.
J. M. STEWART,
nov 20

NOTICE. KID GLOVES.

I have received this day my Fall supply of KID GLOVES, at prices as follows: Two button, at 75c \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.25 per pair.
oct 1

BLACK SILKS.

I have just received from New York a line of my

BLACK SILKS.

of every grade, some of them exceedingly rich in quality and finish; also beautiful Pin-stripe ditto. French Merinos in the new Cloth Colors; a large stock of black ditto, with Cashmires, from 37 cts. to \$1.50.

Also, a fine stock of PLaid CAMEL'S HAIR and other goods for Ladies Jackets and Cloaks, in the new styles, and handsomely trimmed.
J. M. STEWART.
sep 30

TO THE PUBLIC.

In order to reduce our entire stock of Fall and Winter

BOOTS & SHOES

of which we have a good assortment, we will sell them at

PRIME COST

from now until the FIRST OF MARCH. All in want of good goods at the price of poor ones will do well to call at 74 King Street, as we are determined to close them out.

W. B. WADDEY,

74 KING STREET.

feb 8-1f

GROCERIES.

W. A. JOHNSON,

(Successor to Johnson & Sherwood.)

GROCERY, LIQUOR, FEED AND COMMISSION MERCHANT.

Northeast Corner Cameron and Royal streets, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

All orders from the country will receive prompt and careful attention. jan 29-1f

Meats, Groceries and Produce.

S. J. REED respectfully invites the attention of the public to his choice stock of MEATS, GROCERIES AND PRODUCE, at his old stand, No. 74 South Fairfax Street.

where he will endeavor to please all who favor him with their patronage. He has now on hand 2000 lbs choice FAMILY BACON, all of his own curing, put up expressly for family use, consisting of Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Sides, Loaf Lard in small packages, expressly for families, Causage Meat, Mince Meat, Dried Peaches, Cherries and Apples, Cranberries and Peas, Potatoes and Beans; also fresh ROLL BUTTER, FRESH MEATS and POULTRY, of all kinds. All goods sold cheap for cash. Please give me a call.
dec 20

W. A. JOHNSON,

Dealer in

GROCERIES AND LIQUORS.

No. 44 corner Queen and Pitt streets, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

All orders addressed to William A. Johnson, Alexandria, Va., will receive prompt attention. nov 15

GEORGE MCBURNEY & SON,

Dealers in

CHOICE FAMILY AND FANCY GROCERIES, WINES AND LIQUORS,

ENGLISH AND SCOTCH ALE AND BROWN WHISKY.

Also, EASTERN and POTOMAC HERRING and MACKEREL.

NOS. 166 AND 170 KING STREET, (Washington Hall Building), ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Orders promptly filled. mh 31-1f

G. W. RAMSAY,

WHOLESALE AND FAMILY GROCER.

—AND—

TEA DEALER.

S. E. COR. KING AND ST. ASAPH STS., ALEXANDRIA, VA.

nov 22-1f

D. R. J. H. McLEAN'S CELEBRATED

FAMILY MEDICINES, consisting of Strengthening Cordial, Volcanic Oil Liniment, Chinoline Sugar Pills, Liquid Vermifuge, Universal White Crystal Coated Pills, Candy Vermifuge, Wonderful Cough and Lung Healing Globules and Catarrh Snuff. For sale both wholesale and retail by

JANNEY & CO.

JUST RECEIVED THIS DAY,

CACHMIRE NET,

LACE AND

INSERTINGS, at

feb 10

C. C. BERRY'S, 72 King st.

NEW GOODS.—Putty in cans and tubes, Compound Phosphorus Pills, Bromo Chloralum, Cram of Tartar, Blue Stone, Davidson's Syringes, Tapicins, Upham's Fresh Meat Cure, Sharp and Palmer's Preparation of Beef, Wine and Iron, Powdered Verdigris and Green's August Flower.

feb 10

HAIR BRAIDS!

HAIR SWITCHES!

PRICES REDUCED.

We are now selling Hair Switches for \$2.50 and \$3 worth \$4 and \$5 one year ago.

feb 10

LIBBIG'S LIQUID EXTRACT OF BEEF

is composed of pure extract of beef, combined with iron, quinine and herbs, roots, &c., known for their tonic properties. Highly recommended by leading physicians.

feb 10

KID GLOVES. We have just received a lot of TWO-BUTTON KID GLOVES, which will be sold for 65c.

feb 2

SHAKERS' GARDEN SEEDS, put up in boxes containing a full assortment, especially adapted to the trade of country merchants. A large supply in store and for sale by

JANNEY & CO., 141 King st.

feb 10

OLD IMPORTED LIQUORS.—Jamaica Rum, Genuine Holland G.A., very old Scotch Whiskey and Pure French Brandy.

dec 6

BREAKFAST SHAWLS, Nubias, Children's Hoods, Feet Skirts, &c., in variety, at

FERGUSON & BRO'S.,

nov 22

DRIED PEACHES, peeled, Cherries and Apples for sale by

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

jan 27

GRAVELEY'S PANCAKE AND PLUG TOBACCO received by

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

dec 16

ROMAN and other styles of SCARFS. Must be sold.

jan 12

FRESH BUTTER for sale by

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

dec 9

NEW ORLEANS SUGAR at

RAMSAY'S.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

ATTENTION, GILLERS.

For rent for one year, upon easy terms, a GOOD HOUSE and GARDEN, with SHORE attached. Adjoins Smith's Point wharf, opposite Aquia Creek. Apply to

WM. H. MITCHELL,

Port Tobacco, Md.

Or **ELI PETTY,** Alex., Va. feb 15-2w

FOR RENT.—A very desirable DWELLING, in perfect order, on Duke st., one door west of Fairfax, will be for rent after the 12th of February. Apply to Dr. F. J. MURPHY, at the residence of R. L. WOOD, south Washington street feb 10

FOR SALE.

The ELEGANT RESIDENCE, No. 173 Prince street, west of Columbus; brown stone front, four stories, larger hall, hand-some drawing rooms, connected by folding doors with a large dining room, library, conservatory and pantry; water and gas throughout and heated by the most approved brick furnace. Kitchen back, with three servants' rooms above. A beautiful lawn, with fountains, trees and flowers. The most desirable and highest situation in the city. Apply to

J. J. WHEAT.

FOR SALE, RENT OR EXCHANGE FOR CITY PROPERTY.

A handsome NEW BRICK DWELLING, with all the modern improvements, and nine ACHES OF LAND, in the neighborhood of Hamilton, Va., 45 miles from Washington, on the W. & O. R. R. Price \$8,000 100 acres of land added if desired. Address

J. K. TAYLOR,

Wilmington, Del. feb 3-1m

STORE HOUSE FOR RENT.

I have a good store house, containing two rooms and a cellar, nearly finished, nearly new, and situated in a healthy and fertile country, and there has been heretofore a considerable amount of business done at this point. I will rent the said property on reasonable terms. Possession given the 1st day of April, 1876. For further particulars apply to or address: **SAMUEL CROCKETT,** Hamilton P. O., Loudoun Co., Va. jan 22-1m

THREE VERY DESIRABLE ROOMS, WITH BOARD, in one of the most pleasant localities of the city. Terms moderate. Apply at this office. jan 12-1m

MARKET GARDEN FOR SALE.—I will sell cheap, for cash, my place, on IVY HILL. With the improvements, the purchaser can have 81 acres or 124, as may be desired. The house is handsomely located on the Leeburg, about a mile from Alexandria and 7 from Washington, commanding a view of both cities, and fifteen miles of river. The house is new; interior yet incomplete; nine rooms; two halls; and will contain a cellar. A never failing well, and most excellent water supply, to convey water to each floor of the house. On the place is an apple orchard, containing 140 trees of choice fruit; also a cherry orchard and some apricot trees, and 14 acres of a choice variety of strawberries.

Apply for further information to Doctor D. N. Rust, cor. Prince and Washington sts. jan 19-1m

MARKET GARDEN FOR RENT.

SIX ACRES OF GOOD LAND, on the Leeburg farm, just north of the Canal locks, now occupied by Mr. Feyer as a market garden, will be rented for the ensuing year or less for a term of years to a good tenant, at reasonable rates. Possession given on the first of the year. Apply at this office. dec 28-1f

WAREHOUSE FOR RENT.—I desire to rent on reasonable terms Warehouse No. 13 King street, now occupied by Warren and Moore. The house is in good repair, and is one of the best business stands in the city. Possession given 1st day of November.

C. F. SUTTLE.

WE SELL

Courvoisier's Kid Gloves at 85c.

dec 28

No. 109 King st., Alexandria, Va.

TIMOTHY & CLOVER SEED,

For sale by

R. M. LAWSON,

COMMISSION MERCHANT,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

feb 5

NOTIONS, HOSIERY, GLOVES, &c., &c.

We call special attention to our full stock of Hosiery, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Skirts, Fanny Silk Ties, Ladies' Vests, Belts, Men's Merino Vests, Suspenders, Umbrellas, Overshirts, &c.,—all at popular prices.

D. F. BRASHEAR,
No. 109 King street,
Alexandria, Va.,
nov 8

CHEAP PLAIDS AND OTHER DRESS

GOODS.—We have marked these goods down, some far below cost, thinking it better to sell at a loss now than to carry them over to another season. A great chance for bargains. Come and see them before they are all picked over.

jan 12

H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

FOUGERA'S READY MADE MUSTARD